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MINUTES

Board of Education

Amityville Union Free School District Amityville, NY 11701

Regular Meeting – September 12, 2012

Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School - Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: President Juliet Jordon-Thompson Vice President Lisa Johnson

2nd Vice President Ron Moss Trustee Michele Sikhrangkur

Trustee Jeannette Santos Trustee Nathan King

BOE ABSENT: Trustee Mark Epps

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. John R. Williams, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Kathleen Gulbin – Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction

Dr. William Fanning-Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations

Dr. Mary Kelly-Asst Supt. Technology

Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Asst. Supt. Human Resources

Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq. Guercio & Guercio

Ms. Nancy Hark, Esq., - Guercio & Guercio

Mr. Ed Mercurio-Plant Facilities Administrator

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Anthony Cerullo-Director-Phys. Ed., Health & Athletics

Ms. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts

Mr. Michael Fusaro, Director of Science

Mr. Claude Irwin, Director of Mathematics

Dana Musso, Director of English

Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator - Pupil Personnel Services

Ms. Elizabeth Reveiz - Director - ESL

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Jack Agostino, Interim Assistant Principal, AMHS

Mr. Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES

Ms. Pauline Collins, Principal-NE Elem. School

Ms. Michele Darby, Principal-EWMS

Dr. Mary DeRose, Principal-AMHS

Dr. Shirley Martin, Interim Principal – NW Elementary School

Mr. Ted Tsirigotis, Assistant Principal, EWMMS

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

COMMUNITY: 20 Members present

1. <u>Meeting Called to Order</u> by President Juliet Jordon-Thompson at 7:15 PM.

- **A.** Emergency Exit, No Smoking Statement *In the unlikely event of an emergency, you need to note that exits are clearly marked. Take a moment to note the exit nearest to where are you are seated. *Smoking is not allowed on school grounds. *As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones and pagers during the meeting.
 - **B.** <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Jordon-Thompson introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then introduced newly elected Board member, Jeannette Santos. After announcing that Trustee Epps would be late due to work obligations, she turned the meeting over to Dr. Williams.

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Dr. Williams said that in lieu of the Superintendent's report, the building principals would present reports on their opening day of school. Each principal gave a brief synopsis of how opening day was and they extended thanks to all staff members for their assistance. Photos, videos and letters from students were also presented.

Ms. Elizabeth Reveiz spoke about the ESL program and how the students transition out of the program. Trustee King said that he would like to see the Grandparent Program expanded to Middle School. Dr. Williams said that we will investigate.

Reynolds Hawkins, Social Worker, Amityville High School – Mr. Hawkins spoke about the Amityville Sports Hall of Fame. Seventeen people, from 1937-2002, will be inducted this year. Bricks can be purchased for \$125 dollars for the Memory Lane. Jessica Bernius spoke about inducting more women into the Hall of Fame and Jerry Pollock announced that Ron Moss was a State Champion in 1968 and is one of the inductees.

A. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only - None

2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

- A. Approval of Board Minutes None
- B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee. None

C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education

1. Approval of Stipulation of Discontinuance

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-1 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. Authorize School Attorney to act on behalf of the District-Tax Certiorari **MOTION to TABLE** Agenda Item 2C-2 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** To be discussed in executive session. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No. 0 Abstain.

D. Audit Committee None

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

A. Superintendent

1. Approval of Agreement – Agostino, J.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-1 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Will discuss in Executive Session. Trustee Santos pulled her second and 2nd Vice President Moss pulled his motion.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3A-1 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Personnel

- 1. Resolution to Freeze Wages
- 2. Termination: Substitute Special Ed 1:1 Aide/DW Armstrong, G.
- 3. Termination: Substitute Custodial Worker/DW Wellington, D.
- **4.** Resignation: Custodial Worker I/HS Aupperlee, D.

- B. Personnel (cont'd)
 - **5.** Resignation Rescind Appointment: After School Detention/MS Harpaul, K.
 - **6.** Rescind Appointment: Grade Level Leader/PA Turchi, J.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-6 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 7. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: P/T Food Service Worker/HS Cappiano, T.
- 8. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: P/T Food Service Worker/HS Reichbach, S.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Items 3B-7 & 3B-8 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss.

- **9.** Revised Appointment: 21st CCLC Director Milan, L.
- **10.** Appointment: Sumer 2012 New Entrant Testing/NW Rabson, J.
- 11. Appointment: Develop SLO Assessment Summer 2012 Karafantis, G.
- 12. Appointment: Develop SLO Assessment Summer 2012 Cardone, J.
- 13. Appointment: Develop SLO Assessment Summer 2012 Hamilton, I.
- **14.** Appointment: Develop SLO Assessment Summer 2012 Drost, A.
- 15. Appointment: Elementary ELA Curriculum Writing Karounos, O.
- **16.** Appointment: Activity Advisor/Student Council/PA Gambino, E.
- 17. Appointment: Activity Advisor/Student Council/PA Krepil, M.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-9 through 3B-17 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

18. Appointment: Staff Developer for Read 180 Teachers – Wallenstein, C.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-18 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 19. Appointment: Grade Level Leader/Grade 1/NW Gonser, M.
- 20. Appointment: Grade Level Leader/Grade 2/NW Zitofsky, A.
- 21. Appointment: Grand Level Leader/Grade 3/NW Katt, S.
- 22. Appointment: Grade Level Leader/Grade 4/PA Fox, A.
- 23. Appointment: Grade Level Leader/Grade 4 /PA Dieck, P.
- **24.** Appointment: Grade Level Leader/Grade 5/PA Sohm, D.
- 25. Appointment: Grade Level Leader/Grade 7/MS O'Brien, F.
- 26. Appointment: Grade Level Leader/Grade 8/MS Wilson, K.
- 27. Appointment: Grade Level Leader/Grade 9/MS Martine. C.
- 28. Appointment: Grade Level Leader/Grade7/MS Harpaul, K.
- 29. Appointment: Grade Level Leader/Grade 8/MS Charles, D.
- **30.** Appointment: Grade Level Leader/Grade 9/MS Pentangelo, J.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-19 through 3B-30 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Trustee Santos asked what the duties of grade

B. Personnel (cont'd):

level leaders are. Dr. Gulbin explained about their duties and added that these positions are funded by Title One Money as recommended by the auditors. 2nd Vice President Moss pulled his motion and Trustee Santos pulled her second.

MOTION to AMEND Agenda Items 3B-19 through 3B-30 to read: On the recommendation of the Superintendent Items 3B-19 through 3B-30 are funded by Title One Funding. Motion to amend was made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-19 through 3B-30 as amended made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Epps. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- **31.** Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor Archaga, I.
- 32. Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor Caramanico, P.
- **33.** Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor- Church, C.
- **34.** Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor Cinelli, A.
- **35.** Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor Colavito, J.
- **36.** Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor Duguay, P.
- **37.** Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor Joyner, D.
- **38.** Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor Kretz, B.
- **39.** Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor Kretz, C.
- **40.** Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor Lapolla, D.
- **41.** Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor Lee, D.
- **42.** Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor Scott, L.
- **43.** Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor Sleezer, L.
- **44.** Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor Spence, E.
- **45.** Appointment: 21^{st} CCLC HW/Club Advisor Spence, J.
- **46.** Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor Weber, M.
- 47. Appointment: 21^{st} CCLC HW/Club Advisor Williams, N.
- **48.** Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor Marquez, J.
- **49.** Appointment: Athletic Supervisor Brown, S.
- **50.** Appointment: Athletic Supervisor Spatola, C.
- **51.** Appointment: Athletic Supervisor Booth, G.
- **52.** Appointment: Athletic Supervisor LaMarca, J.
- **53.** Appointment: Athletic Supervisor Finizio, N.
- **54.** Appointment: Athletic Supervisor Romeo, R.
- **55.** Appointment: Athletic Supervisor Corporan, R.
- **56.** Appointment: Athletic Supervisor Milan, L.
- $\textbf{57.} \ \ Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS-Volkomer, K.$
- **58.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Child Ed 1-6 Bastein, A.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-31 through 3B-58 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- **59.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Child Ed 1-6 Beck, K.
- **60.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Child Ed 1-6/Health Bertin-Fleuriot, A.

B. Personnel (cont'd):

- **61.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher SWD 1-6/Child Ed 1-6 Caltabellotta, J.
- **62.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Phys. Ed Cammaroto, K.
- **63.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Child Ed N-6 Cherasard, N.
- **64.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Child Ed 1-6 Dixon, C.
- **65.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Child Ed 1-6 Flecker, M.
- **66.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher SWD 1-6/Child Ed 1-6 Gund, A.
- 67. Appointment: Substitute Teacher SOS 7-12 Heide, P.
- **68.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Phys Ed Hornedo, D.
- **69.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Child Ed 1-6 Hovanec, A.
- **70.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Math 7-12/Child Ed 1-6 Jacobs, L.
- **71.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher SWD 7-12/SOS Kretz, B.
- **72.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher SWD 7-12/SOS Krueger, C.
- **73.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Pre-K-6/Bus Ed Martin, K.
- 74. Appointment: Substitute Teacher PreK-6 Rutigliano, R.
- 75. Appointment: Substitute Teacher Math 7-12 Schneider, A.
- **76.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Child Ed 1-6 Schubert, K.
- 77. Appointment: Substitute Teacher Child Ed 1-6 Spanish 5-12 Stratman, A.
- **78.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Gift Ed/N-6 Sweeney, P.
- **79.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher SOS 7-12 Tull, G.
- 80. Appointment: Substitute Teacher SWD 1-6/Child Ed 1-6 Vespe, S.
- **81.** Appointment: Substitute Clerk/Typist/DW Spence, E.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-59 through 3B-81 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

82. Appointment: Administrative Assistant 21st CCLC – Thervil, J.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-82 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes0 No, 0 Abstain.

83. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Special Ed 1:1 Aide/NE – Brown, E.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-83 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss.

Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 84. Appointment: Account Clerk/DO LaBruzzo, D.
- **85.** Appointment: After School Detention/MS Larkin, T.
- 86. Revised Appointment: Fall Coach/Volunteer JV Girls Volleyball Valentino, A.
- 87. Revised Appointment: Fall Coach/JV Girls Volleyball Pesale, T.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-84 through 3B-87 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Personnel (cont'd):

88. Probationary Appointment: Director of Social Studies/DW – Noviello, D.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-88 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 89. Appointment: Substitute Teacher Social Worker Hayes, E.
- **90.** Appointment: Increase FTE Science Teacher/MS Mariano, M.
- **91.** Revised Preferred Eligibility List P/T Appointment: Phys Ed/Health Teacher/HS Pesale, T.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-89 through 3B-91 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business and Finance

- 1. Budget Transfers Items 1 through 3
- 2. Fund Raising Items 1 through 3
- **3.** Use of Facilities Item 1 through 6
- **4.** Dispose of Fixed Assets School Lunch
- **5.** Dispose of Fixed Assets Superintendent's Office

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-5 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

6. Transportation Request

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3C-6 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- D. Monthly Finance Report None
- E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings None

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 10

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3F-1 through 3F-10 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

G. Data and Technology

H. 21st Century Community Learning Center

4. Reports

A. <u>Legal Counsel for the District</u> - Gary Steffanetta explained that the Board can pass a resolution which would provide a partial school tax reduction to senior citizen property owners with limited income and disabled property owners with limited income. Mr.

Steffanetta said that there is a deadline for the Board to file the paperwork with the Town of Babylon.

Dr. Fanning said that it is routine for the Board to be asked to act on it in July or August. Exemptions are granted to those whose incomes are slightly higher this year than last year. If the Board does not pass a resolution, people who had the exemptions last year would continue to have the exemption this year but it would be based on their last year's income. Under consideration tonight is whether to allow the granting of a higher income exemption than last year. It has no impact on the school district but it has an impact on the taxpayers. Dr. Fanning expressed concern that this was presented to the District on short notice and without paperwork. Town of Babylon wants it by Sept. 24.

President Jordon-Thompson agreed that we cannot act on something that we have not had a chance to review. Dr. Fanning said that you will have an opportunity to act on this again next year.

- **B.** <u>Superintendent of Schools</u> Dr. Williams said that he will not report on opening day as the building principals had done so at the beginning of the meeting. He then introduced John Cardone the new High School Athletic Director.
- C. Board Report None

President Jordon-Thompson appointed Michele Sikhrangkur as District Clerk Pro Tem

MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 9:07 PM for Discussion regarding Negotiations with Employees, Advice from Counsel, Discussion of Employee History and Discussion regarding Proposed Litigation in Tax Challenge Proceedings. The motion was made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Yes.

Judith O'Neill left at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order at 9:20 PM by President Jordon-Thompson.

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NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

Trustee Sikhrangkur left at 10:55 PM. and Lisa Johnson assumed the District Clerk Pro Tem position.

ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Sikhrangkur & Lisa Johnson, District Clerks Pro Tem

MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 11:30 PM made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

3A-1 Approval of Agreement – Agostino, J.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-1 (tabled earlier) made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3B-7 Leave of Absence W/O Pay: P/T Food Service Worker/HS – Cappiano, T.

3B-8 Leave of Absence W/O Pay: P/T Food Service Worker/HS – Reichbach, S.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-7 & 3B-8 (tabled earlier) made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

3B-83 Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Special Ed 1:1 Aide/NE – Brown, E.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-83 (tabled earlier) made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 1 No (Trustee Santos voted no), 0 Abstain

3B-88 Probationary Appointment: Director of Social Studies/DW – Noviello, D. **MOTION to APPROVE** Agenda Item 3B-88 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Monthly Meeting at 11:44 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem